„Die Nachfrage nach hervorragenden Englischkenntnissen nimmt weltweit zu. Das Bestehen von C1 Advanced zeigt, dass Sie ein leistungsstarker Mensch sind.“

*(Quelle:* [*https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/de/exams-and-tests/advanced/*](https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/de/exams-and-tests/advanced/)*)*

12 Schüler unserer Schule haben sich im November 2020 nach intensiver und mehrjähriger Vorbereitung dieser Herausforderung gestellt.

An dieser Stelle möchten unsere Schüler ihre Erfahrungen mit den Cambridge-Kursen am FvS gerne teilen – in English, of course...

“To me, preparing for the Cambridge exam was actually quite fun. It didn’t feel like a chore at all, unlike learning for exams in other subjects often does. Learning by doing is the keyword here, since you can't specifically learn the information you need for the exam.

On the one hand, that’s exactly what made learning more interesting, by filling out quiz-like test sheets and learning the equivalents of common expressions used in Germany.

On the other hand, however, it also made learning a tad bit more frustrating than it usually is, because no matter how much you study, there's no guarantee that what you have learned will actually be needed for the exam. Therefore, knowing a wide range of vocabulary and expressions is what matters most in the exam.

For those who are thinking about taking the Cambridge English exam as well, which I do definitely recommend to those who plan on studying and/or working abroad, I would advise you to do two things:

Firstly, don’t get discouraged if your test results aren't as good as you'd like them to be. Every Cambridge exam and test sheet is different, so there will be ones that are easier for you and those who are not. The important step here is to learn from mistakes and not let them get to you.

Secondly, try to spend as much time with the English language as possible. Whether it be reading books in English or simply turning on English subtitles for your favorite TV show, it will make a big difference if you get more familiar with the language.

With that, I wish everyone who will be taking the exam in the future good luck and I'm keeping my fingers crossed for you.

Best wishes,

Emelie”

“While preparing for the test, you will improve the four essential English skills: reading, listening, speaking and writing. Cambridge class is a great way to acquire a deeper English knowledge, which will give you long-lasting benefits.

I appreciated that we frequently practiced with the exam papers from the years before, hence familiarized with the format of the questions on the test. That was very beneficial, since the Cambridge exam is totally different from the English exams one takes in school. Moreover, I enjoyed practicing speaking very much because normally you rarely get the opportunity to have a dialogue in English. Besides, Cambridge class helps improving your grammar and expanding your vocabulary. Certainly grammar and vocabulary tasks are not always exciting, however those skills are crucial for the exam and therefore one can’t get around learning them.

My advice in order to prepare for the exam is surrounding yourself with English: make English part of your life at home, at work, during your free time. There are several ways to do that. For instance by having conversations in English or watching movies in English.

The C1 Advanced certificate will enhance your CV and provides you more chances to study or even work abroad. You will have a lifelong qualification, which is recognized by many employers and universities.

Karyna”

“While preparing for the Cambridge exam I realized that my English got much better and turned out to benefit me in the long run. I started writing better exams and made less spelling mistakes than I used to (9th grade onward). What I disliked during preparation period was the uncertainty and anxiety because I was unsure whether I would pass, as during preparation time each exam had a different level of difficulty.

Thanks to the Cambridge certificate I have the opportunity to study abroad and it could also be beneficial when searching for a job, as I then could work abroad or work with people from different countries.

I would really recommend taking this course since it can improve language skills as well as grades and also benefit one in the future when for example searching for a job. When going to a foreign country, English is also crucial and can help to communicate because most countries teach English as a second language.

Mariya”

“My experience with Cambridge started with in *Oberstufe*. My reason for enrolling for the Cambridge course was to improve my English skills and speak more fluently. The most valuable experience in Cambridge for me was that we frequently practiced for the speaking exam, which helped me a lot with improving my speaking skills. As already mentioned, I enjoyed speaking the most, but the reading tasks were another part of the course that made my really enjoy my two years of taking Cambridge courses. My English skills improved a lot, which will help me with my future, especially with my dream to become a teacher. The biggest advice I can give future students of the Cambridge course is to always do homework.

Ahmet”

“The most valuable experience for me is that I got to know how versatile and complex the English language can be. The thing I enjoyed the most is definitely the improvement of my grammar and the expansion of my vocabulary. A bonus point for that subject is the fact that you don’t have to study for exams that much. One thing I particularly don’t like is the fact that every hour is quite similar to the last one, so there is not much variation of different learning methods. Living in a world that gets more connected day by day, it was important to me to have some kind of evidence that I can speak English on an advanced level. Hopefully, it will help me to go to university or when it comes to finding a job. Some practical advice I can give to the next generation is that you shouldn’t be scared of what you heard about that subject. If you are motivated enough, you will improve your English skills in no time.

Dennis”